

PROJECT NAME: NCSC State Court Improvement Initiative

RECIPIENT: National Center for State Courts (NCSC)

LOCATION: N/A

PURPOSE: The purpose of the NCSC is to enable and equip the courts to establish justice as set forth in the preamble of the U.S. Constitution. In order to accomplish this, assistance must be provided where the greatest volume of justice is served – the state courts. With over 98 percent of litigation being initiated at that level, state courts function as the laboratories for innovation that can be disseminated for improvement of justice nationwide. The State Courts Improvement Initiative will provide research, education, information services & technical assistance in 3 areas: Knowledge Information Services Division (KIS) which acts as a clearinghouse service for state court personnel; increased Education & Technical Assistance for judges and other court personnel, and National Court Initiatives Research and best practices education. The project has the support of state judges nationwide, including the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, who will serve as the chairman of NCSC.

AMOUNT: \$2,000,000